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TAGS: PPDC, SY

SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO H.E. PRESIDENT HAFEZ AL-ASAD FROM PRESIDENT FORD. QUOTE: YOUR EXCELLENCY,

ON THE HOLY OCCASION OF ID AL-ADHA, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE JOIN ME IN OFFERING TO YOU AND YOUR COUNTRYMEN OUR HEARTFELT BEST WISHES FOR SYRIA'S CONTINUED PROSPERITY AND PROGRESS IN THE COMING YEAR. I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW PERSONALLY GRATIFYING IT HAS BEEN FOR ME TO WITNESS THE MARKED IMPROVEMENT THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP. IT IS MY SINCERE HOPE THAT THESE RELATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO PROSPER IN THE DAYS AHEAD, THROUGH OUR MUTUAL COOPERATION AND DEDICATION IN BRINGING A DURABLE, JUST PEACE TO ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE BUT HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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